

The Vine

From Pastor Doug...

All of us have many memories of Christmas Eve Candlelight Services where we gathered with our family and friends and sang "Silent Night" as the glow of candle light grew throughout the sanctuary. It has become such a tradition it seems that it just wouldn't be Christmas without it. In fact, when I was the Associate Pastor at Central United Methodist Church in Linwood, I was responsible for the 5:00 PM Family Service. Every year, we would get calls, "Are we going to be singing 'Silent Night' and lighting candles? If not, we are coming to a different service." It is our tradition. Traditions are important because of the meaning tied to them.

The candle lighting, "Silent Night" tradition reminds us that on that first Christmas, the Light of the World was born to shine into the dark places. This year, the carol "Silent Night, Holy Night" is 200 years old. The words were written in 1818 by Joseph Mohr and the tune was written in 1818 by Franz Gruber. This year, we will be celebrating the 200th year of "Silent Night" during the Advent Season. Each week we will be focusing on a different verse during worship for the 4 weeks of Advent and unpacking what the words we sing every year say to us.

I hope you will join us for the four weeks of Advent this year for worship at 9:15 and 11. Why not invite a friend to come along as we talk about this favorite carol? Or invite a friend to one of the other celebrations we will be having during the season. You can read about them in the other sections of this newsletter.

And of course, join us on Christmas Eve as we will be lighting candles and singing "Silent Night"

Pastor Doug

We invite you to join us for the.....



Happy Birthday Jesus celebration

*Dinner,
Birthday Cake,
crafts & Fun!*

As a gift to baby Jesus, each family please bring an unwrapped new toy. We will be donating them to children who are staying at CHOP over Christmas in memory and honor of children from our church who have stayed there.

Sunday Evening, December 16th

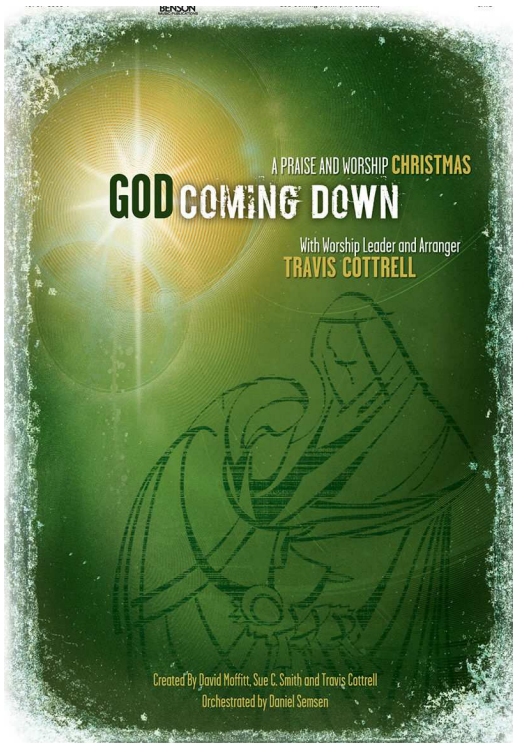
5:30 pm- 7:30 pm

Celebration will be held at the

United Methodist Church of Mantua

**201 Mantua Blvd
Mantua NJ 08051
McConnell Hall**





GOD COMING DOWN

Please join the Senior, Junior, and Cherub Choirs of our church as they present this year's Christmas cantata.

Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 4:00

Invite family, friends, and neighbors to come with you.

Youth caroling at 1 PM on December 9th—meeting at 12:45 PM. Immediately following the caroling, we will have our Christmas Party. Everyone should bring a \$10.00 Exchange gift.

Looking ahead. MISSION TRIP PLANNING MEETING on January 6 at 6:30 PM for all persons interested in attending. Information packets and forms will be distributed.

MAGIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, December 21st, 2018

7:00pm -
8:00pm

Tickets are
\$5.00



Coming to
United Methodist Church
of Mantua

Join us for a night of
Entertainment and Magic
by Chad Juros.

Light refreshments will
follow the show.

Your \$5.00 donation will go
towards helping
Wings and Wishes
Make more Memories



MTV Painless Fundraiser
Buy Shop Rite (\$20) Cards The Church receives 5%
You receive gift cards dollar for dollar. It costs you nothing!

Goal: We have a goal of **\$1,000 per week**. This is easily achievable!

Action: LET'S DO IT! Exchange your cash or check for Shop Rite gift cards and go food shopping for your family or donate cards to The Corinthian Cupboard or Family Promise! It costs nothing but reaps great rewards!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
Bruce Reyher, MTV Treasurer

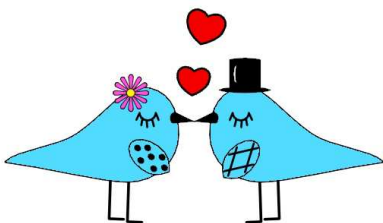
Happy Birthday!

- 1 Brianna Baylor
- 2 Kristen Lisle
John Sfaelos
- 3 Greg Miller
- 4 Danielle Kraft
- 5 Laurie Kruithof
- 7 Ian Gorman
- 8 Anthony Carelli
Kim Kraft
- 9 Julia Lisle
- 10 Donna Hanahan
- 11 Esther Fuchs
- 13 Cole Laslie
Jason Laslie
- 14 Janet Davis
- 15 Rob Smith
- 16 Aaron Reynolds
Carl Reynolds
Helena Reynolds



- 17 Joseph DiSalvio
- 21 James Brickner Jr.
Reese Spencer
Alex Vincent
- 23 Kimberly Wagner
Ryan Weiner
- 24 Madeleine Lisle
- 25 Holly Redmond
- 27 Erik Heiss
- 28 Elda Barger
- 29 Chris Schaekel
- 31 Sarah Jennings

Happy Anniversary



- 2 *Richard & Debbie Sullivan*
- 7 *Tom & Lorraine Beckett*
- 8 *Doug & Jenise Fraser*
- 9 *Jack & Melanie Coleman*
- 30 *Frank & Laurie Rohrman*


CHRISTMAS
Eve
 AT FIRST DALLAS

Christmas Eve Services
December 24, 2018

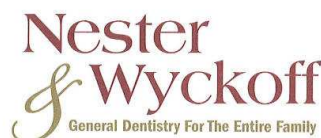
7:00 pm Family Candlelight Service
11:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service

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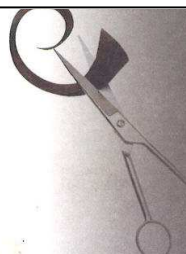


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